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LENS SYSTEM FOR PHASE PLATE FOR
TRANSMISSION ELECTRON MICROSCOPE
AND TRANSMISSION ELECTRON
MICROSCOPE

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 25, 2002

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119

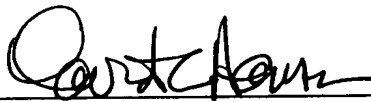
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Sir:

Applicant claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-033799 which corresponds to the above-identified United States patent application and which was filed in the Japanese Patent Office on February 9, 2001. A certified copy of the priority document will follow. The priority benefits provided by Section 119 of the Patent Act of 1952 are claimed for the above application.

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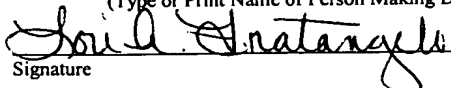
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